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ICYMI: Here is a rapid-fire update on what happened this week in Turkish economic, trade and business news.

- ➤ The Turkish Industry and Technology Minister Mustafa Varank said that Turkey is poised to become a global technology and production center, especially in the fields of defense, aerospace, pharmaceutical and medical equipment, automotive, rail systems, machinery, white goods, electronics, and food sectors.
- The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) said it is <a href="developing new financing tools">developing new financing tools</a> to support Turkey's businesses in eliminating economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic. EBRD is preparing to deploy supply-chain finance for lower financing costs and improved business efficiency for buyers and sellers alike.
- The Turkish Exporters' Assembly (TIM) has <u>started a new campaign in line with economic reforms</u> to boost exports. Ismail Gülle, the head of TIM, expects Turkey's exports to reach 200 million tons in 2023.
- Istanbul's new airport has been chosen the best in the "digital transformation" category among its peers in Europe. The 16th Annual Airport Council International (ACI) Europe Best Airport Awards found that the airport adopted a clear digitalization strategy with a wide range of technological solutions in place to create a seamless travel experience.

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